

1 MR. ROTH: My name is Nick Roth,  
2 [I'm the Washington DC director of the Nuclear  
3 Age Peace Foundation. We are a non-profit,  
4 non-partisan organization that seeks to  
5 abolish nuclear weapons. The interest that we  
6 have in the Yucca Mountain issue has to do  
7 with the security and environmental issues  
8 related to shipping nuclear waste through  
9 local communities across the United States at  
10 a geologically flawed site in Nevada.

11 When thinking about the storage of  
12 nuclear waste in Nevada, I can't help but  
13 think about the last time the United States  
14 government decided to leave large quantities  
15 of nuclear materials in Nevada. This would be  
16 when the US tested hundreds, and dropped  
17 hundreds, of nuclear bombs on the state of  
18 Nevada, causing cancer and death and ruining  
19 families and lives. Not only in the state of  
20 Nevada, but across all of the United States.  
21 I can't help but think that -- hasn't Nevada  
22 had enough? Shouldn't we be looking at

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1 another place, or another way of dealing with  
2 this waste?

3 The other issue that comes to my  
4 mind when thinking about shipping nuclear  
5 waste across the United States is, the only  
6 thing that I can imagine that's worse than  
7 what the Department of Energy does now with  
8 nuclear waste, which is storing it in  
9 relatively un-secure areas around nuclear  
10 reactors, would be to then take the nuclear  
11 waste that's poorly secured and ship it with  
12 using less secure means, and unproven means,  
13 through the homes, cities, through forty-five  
14 states, including Washington DC, shipping this  
15 waste through our communities.

16 Essentially, what that's doing is  
17 creating mobile targets moving throughout the  
18 US. And as I recall, there's a poster in the  
19 other room that says something to the effect  
20 of, 1.7 million miles -- I don't recall  
21 exactly how many shipments -- it's not -- it's  
22 -- I don't want to say it's irresponsible,

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1 but to send that type of waste that can have  
2 that much impact on -- that can have serious  
3 health impacts if people were exposed to the  
4 materials within the -- that's contained  
5 within the shipments would -- there just needs  
6 to be another way. There needs to be  
7 something else that has to be done.]

2 8 [The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation  
9 advocates -- also advocates onsite storage of  
10 nuclear waste.] We will be submitting formal  
11 comments prior to the January 10<sup>th</sup> deadline as  
12 well. Thank you.

13 MR. BROWN: Okay, thanks Nick.  
14 Anyone else who would like to add comments?  
15 Yes, Kevin, you wanted to -- that's fine,  
16 please come forward. Thanks for waiting your  
17 turn.

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